IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

**(12916 Kanes Road)** 

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District

Craig A. & Jenna M. Gallagher

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

\* HEARINGS FOR

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 2019-0278-A

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## **OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, Craig A. and Jenna M. Gallagher ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to § 1A04.3.B.2.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to allow a two-story addition with a garage on left side of house with a 25-½ ft. setback in lieu of the required 50 ft. setback. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on April 7, 2019, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code ("BCC"). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in

the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general

welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law

Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that

comply with the requirements of § 307.1 of the BCZR. Furthermore, strict compliance with the

BCZR would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the BCC and the

BCZR, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 25th day of April, 2019, by the Administrative

Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from

§ 1A04.3.B.2.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to allow a two-story

addition with a garage on left side of house with a 25-1/2 ft. setback in lieu of the required 50 ft.

setback, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

• Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this

Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed,

Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original

condition.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this

Order.

\_\_\_Signed\_

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN

Administrative Law Judge for

**Baltimore County** 

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